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1. The second decree of the DDR Ministerial Council, according to which security measures in the five-kilometer zone along the East-West Zonal border could be applied throughout the DDR, was never discussed or mentioned in the Council. Deputy Minister President Otto Mueschke was completely surprised by the order and, upon his return from a trip, asked State Security Minister Zeisler to explain it to him. Zeisler referred Mueschke to the Soviet administration.
2. Mueschke, together with Foreign Minister Dertinger and East GDR General Secretary Götting, discussed the mood of the Soviet Zone population in light of the new measures with Ambassador Semenov the week before 14 June. At the end of the meeting, Mueschke received a list of East GDR members at various governmental levels who were said to be saboteurs and agents for the Western powers.
3. Mueschke's attempt to convince Semenov that such security measures would stifle the Soviet Zone population's support for the battle against the West was met with the demand that the East GDR announce that these measures were for the protection of the population (eigene Schutzmassnahmen). Mueschke was persuaded to propose to the "Democratic Bloc" of parties, which had not been convened for a long time, a document in which all such measures within the Soviet Zone and on the Zonal border as well as the preparations for an army would be portrayed as desired by the people of the Soviet Zone. The text for the document was given to Mueschke on 14 June.

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